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In the office of the Secretary of State
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE ELECTORS

EXHIBIT "C"

The Attorney-General has summarized the proposed amendment as follows:

"State Budget. Initiative measure amending Section 34, and repealing Section 29, Article IV of Constitution. Requires Governor to submit to Legislature, within first thirty days of each regular session, budget containing itemized statement of all proposed expenditures and estimated revenues for each fiscal year of next biennial period, with comparison, item by item, for each year of existing biennial period. Prescribes procedure for passage of budget bill; permits referendum against items thereof except those for usual current expenses; prohibits other appropriations, with certain exceptions, until such passage. Authorizes Governor to reduce or eliminate any item of appropriation."

State of California }
County of _____ } ss.

To the Honorable Secretary of State of the State of California:

We, the undersigned, registered qualified electors of the State of California, residents of _____ County, present to the Secretary of State this petition, and request that a proposed amendment to Section 34 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of California, as hereinafter set forth, be submitted to the people of the State of California for their approval or rejection, at the next ensuing general election, or as provided by law. The full text of the proposed amendment is as follows:

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

Section 34 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of California is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 34. The Governor shall, within the first thirty days of each regular session of the Legislature and prior to its recess, submit to the Legislature, with an explanatory message, a budget containing a complete plan and itemized statement of all proposed expenditures of the State provided by existing law or recommended by him, and of all its institutions, departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, officers, employees and other agencies, and of all estimated revenues, for each fiscal year of the ensuing biennial period; together with a comparison, as to each item of revenues and expenditures, with the actual revenues and expenditures for the first fiscal year of the existing biennial period and the actual and estimated revenues and expenditures for the second fiscal year thereof. If the proposed expenditures for the ensuing biennial period shall exceed the estimated revenues therefor, the Governor shall recommend the sources from which the additional revenue shall be provided. The Governor, and also the Governor-elect, shall have the power to require any institution, department, board, bureau, commission, officer, employee or other agency to furnish him with any information which he may deem necessary in connection with the budget or to assist him in its preparation. The budget shall be accompanied by an appropriation bill covering the proposed expenditures, to be known as the budget bill. The budget bill shall be introduced immediately into each house of the Legislature by the respective chairmen of the committees having to do with appropriations, and shall be subject to all the provisions of Section 15 of this Article. The Governor may at any time amend or supplement the budget and propose amendments to the budget bill before or after its enactment, and each such amendment shall be referred in each house to the committee to which the budget bill was originally referred. Until the budget bill has been finally enacted, neither house shall place upon final passage any other appropriation bill, except emergency bills recommended by the Governor, or appropriations for the salaries, mileage and expenses of the Senate and Assembly. No bill making an appropriation of money, except the budget bill, shall contain more than one item of appropriation, and that for one single and certain purpose to be therein expressed. In any appropriation bill passed by the Legislature, the Governor may reduce or eliminate any one or more items of appropriation of money while approving other portions of the bill, whereupon the effect of such action and the further procedure shall be as provided in Section 16 of this Article. Section 29 of this Article is hereby repealed. In case of conflict between this Section and any other portion of this Constitution, the provisions of this Section shall govern, except that any item of appropriation in the Budget Act, other than for the usual current expenses of the State, shall be subject to the referendum.